

# RE Accreditation

## Overview

Religious educators in Catholic schools are expected to gain formal accreditation to teach Religious Education in a Catholic school (CECV Policy 1.7).

Catholic Education Melbourne supports teachers to pursue relevant studies over two years part-time at the following institutions:

- Australian Catholic University (ACU) in the Graduate Certificate in Catholic Studies (GCCS)
- Catholic Theological College (CTC) in the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education (GCTRE)
- John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family (JPII) in the Graduate Certificate in Religious Education
- Yarra Theological Union (YTU) in the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education (GCTRE).

Applicants are advised to check the relevant institution's website for course details.

## Sponsored Study availability

From 2017, to enable Catholic Education Melbourne to sponsor more teachers, sponsored study support for accreditation courses will be subsidised on the following basis: Sponsored teachers will be asked to pay \$458 of the cost of each unit up front per semester + Student Services Amenities (Tertiary Administration) Fee (SSAF); the school will be asked to pay \$458 towards the cost of each unit per semester for the duration of this sponsored study; and Catholic Education Melbourne will pay the remaining cost of each unit per semester for the duration of this sponsored study.

Sponsored study support does not cover:

- replacement costs or study leave
- the cost of books and reading materials for each unit
- the SSAF (this is the responsibility of the sponsored teacher)
- any late enrolment fees.

## Guidelines

Sponsored study is being offered under the following provisions:

- Applicants must be currently employed as a teacher in a Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

- Applicants must be a permanent resident of Australia or hold Australian citizenship.

## How to apply?

Information regarding this sponsored study can be found under the Sponsored Study Schedule on the CEVN website <https://cevn.cecv.catholic.edu.au> under *Professional Learning / My PL (IPLS)*.

Teachers are asked to login to the [CEVN website](#) and check that their qualifications are correctly entered into the Personnel Record System (PRS) found under Staffing & IR / Personnel, as this may affect their sponsored study outcome.

Before undertaking the application process for sponsored studies, refer to the FAQs page on the CEVN website under *Religious Education / Catholic Education Melbourne Accreditation and RE Sponsorship*.

## Additional information

Please note that principals of those teachers applying for sponsored study will receive an email requesting that they complete an attached Principal Endorsement form for a Sponsored Study Application. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that their principal completes the confidential form attached to the email and returns it to Catholic Education Melbourne by Friday 16 September 2016 in order for the application to be considered. Continued Sponsored Study will be dependent on successful completion of all units.

### Online applications via [My PL \(IPLS\)](#)

<b>ACTIVITY NAME</b>	Sponsored Study 2017: RE Accreditation
<b>ACTIVITY CODE</b>	17SPO009A
<b>APPLICATIONS OPEN</b>	Monday 15 August 2016
<b>APPLICATIONS OPEN</b>	Friday 9 September 2016
<b>PRINCIPAL ENDORSEMENT DUE</b>	Friday 16 September 2016

## Further information

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